



Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80 Free & Accepted Masons

321 E. Dakin Avenue

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Regular Stated Communications - 1st and 3rd Mondays, 7:30 P.M.

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*****TAKE TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW *****

DEC	27 th	at 6:30 P.M.	St John's Day! Orange Lodge No. 36 INSTALLATION , Apopka.
DEC	29 th	at 2:00 P.M.	St. Cloud Lodge No. 221 INSTALLATIONS @2:00 P.M.
DEC	29 th	at 7:00 P.M.	Winter Park Lodge No. 239 INSTALLATIONS @7:00 P.M.
JAN	1 st	ALL DAY LONG	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008! MAY YOU BE HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS!!
JAN	ALL JANUARY BLUE LODGE INSTALLATIONS ARE LISTED BELOW - PLEASE ATTEND AND SUPPORT YOUR MASONIC BROTHERS. . . .		
JAN	7 th	at 7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner Program @ 6:30PM for all.
JAN	21 st	at 7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 Lodge with Dinner Program @ 6:30PM for all.
JAN	23 rd	at 7:30 P.M.	THERE IS ONLY ONE! District School of Instruction @ Winter Garden No.165 @ 7:30PM.
JAN	31 st	at 5:30 P.M.	OBL80 MASONIC CHARITY VOLUNTEERS SERVING @ GIVE KIDS THE WORLD/MAKE A WISH- BASS RD
FEB	2 nd	at 8:00 A.M.	Master's & Warden's Association / Breakfast meeting @ Mokanna No.329, New President Ed Sexton PM
FEB	4 th	at 7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 @ 6:30PM Dinner for all,
FEB	8 th thru 17 th	at TBA A/P.M.	KVLS/Osceola County Fair Dates/ FUNDRAISER (See W. Jim Fisher to sign up!). . . .
FEB	18 th	at 7:30 P.M.	Stated Communication for OBL80 @ 6:30PM Dinner for all. . . .
FEB	13 th , 27 th	at 7:30 P.M.	District 17's Schools of Masonic Instruction @ Mokanna No.329@ 7:30PM. . . .
FEB	22 nd	at 5:30 P.M.	OBL80 MASONIC CHARITY VOLUNTEERS SERVING @ GIVE KIDS THE WORLD/MAKE A WISH- BASS RD

Greetings and So Long! from the East:

Finally! Brethren.... This is my last time to write from this exalted position, and once again I am sincerely appreciative and thankful for your trust and support in 2007. Now we look to a new year and an all new leadership in our Lodge, and a future that looks bright and bountiful for Orange Blossom Lodge No. 80. **Your new 2008 Officers are as follows:**

- Worshipful Master.....Brian Shaw, PM
- Sr. Warden.....Jim Davis, PM
- Jr. Warden.....Mitch Lokken
- Secretary.....Bob T. Cunningham, Sr.PM
- Treasurer.....Patrick Fischer
- Marshall.....Big Rick Overbee, Jr. PM
- Chaplain.....Johnny Brock PM
- Sr. Deacon.....Rob Jenekco
- Jr. Deacon.....Mike Garcia
- Sr. Stewart.....Kevin Cowen II
- Jr. Stewart.....John Dickson
- Co-Tylers.....Curtis Hinkle, Julius Henry
- Musician.....Franz Du'Mee

As is the custom in a New Year, we say good-bye to old habits and usher in the **New and, improved**, resolutions to make this a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year. A time of reflection on the improvements we made in the past, and what we can do as Masons to make 2008 a year we call all be proud of. I must say, I am not "Proud" of what we have become.....

"Where were you first made a Mason?" The question is asked by the Worshipful Master, as you first come to Lodge, and your answer should always be, **"In MY HEART!"** The heart is the reposit of all of a Mason's creeds. It is where the Faith, Hope, and Charity, we learned of in our travels, begins and ends. A Mason is not measured by how many Appendant Bodies he may be a member of, nor how many stickers and decals he can put on the back of his car... A Mason is measured by his deeds, and what is in his heart.... If you bring bad habits with you to Lodge, a Lodge function, or another appendant Body meeting, those habits are observed, via your actions, and remembered by those new to the ways of Masonry, and it stays with them. If you speak badly of a brother behind his back to another, about his appearance, his beliefs, or his family, it is noticed, and remembered...and...it is questioned. A true Mason does not look for kudos, accolades, or praise. Though when unsolicited, recognition is welcome, he is satisfied with the feeling he has inside, knowing his work has made someone else happy.

Consider, then, a Mason, who stands in Lodge and brags about his work he has done at a charity, or where he has helped at a fundraiser, reading a list all of names that were there at the function, seemingly to embarrass, or shame his brothers, who were unable to participate. Why would he chastise his brothers, who due to health, or a family commitment, were unable to attend the same function? Is this our Masonry in action?? I think not. But, **"IT"** happens.....

Why would an honorable Mason feel it necessary to use the Lord's name in vain, in open Lodge for all to hear, including guests on a first time visit to his Lodge, when a ballot is not to his liking? But, **"IT"** happens.....

Why, then, would an honorable Mason, campaign openly against electing a brother, and against Masonic Law by rallying a group of new, impressionable Brothers to ballot against an officer moving up the line?? Particularly one who has served faithfully throughout ALL the chairs. But, **"IT"** happens.....

Why would an honorable Mason, charged with educating and mentoring newly raised Brothers, allow profane, and disrespectful conversations to occur in his presence, and to the discomfort of some of those same newly raised brothers, during a training session in Lodge. But, **"IT"** happens.....

Who would think that any honorable Mason would knowingly disrespect the Sacred Book of Law, and our Guiding Light, with profane and irreverent gestures and remarks? But, **"IT"** happens.....

What honorable Mason would attend to making a man a Mason, whose sacred word is questionable, and whose has lied

about his past history in order to become a Mason? How can you trust him? But, **"IT"** happens.....

Which is to say... this could apply to any and all of us, not in just one Lodge, but all over, if we would only admit it, and WHY?...because we have allowed **"IT"** to happen!! We are honorable men, where we have vowed "to meet on the level, act by the plumb and part upon the square" in all that we do, and yet, sadly, **WE HAVE NOT!** At every Stated Meeting before we leave, we resolve with a resounding, **"So Mote it Be!"** to these tenants...but are these just words??? Have we forgotten that we ASKED ONE to Become ONE! We each wanted to become a part of this Worlds Oldest Fraternity, because in our HEARTS, we felt it was the right thing to do... The Supreme Architect should always be our Guiding Light, No matter what name you call him by... and while we all realize, ANY particular religion DOES NOT BELONG IN OUR LODGE... We must not condemn a valued Brother for his belief, or worship, if different from our own. Yet we do, and Brothers, ANY of this conduct will drive away those we most need, namely your new brothers.

My Brethren... We all know we are not perfect, none of us are, our resolution therefore, should be to herald, and welcome, a change in our Hearts, **and our attitudes**, akin to what we are taught in the Masonic Guiding Light of Masonry, whether it be a Torah, a Koran, a Holy Bible, or what ever Sacred Book your life is governed by that rules your Days and Nights. Remembering, to keep a worthy brother, close to you, endeavoring to always assist and encourage him with a quite whisper to his ear... We do not need to chastise, condemn, insult, brag, or pump up our chests with Pride, for Pride always is followed by a fall, nor do we belittle a worthy Brother behind his back, or allow it to happen in your presence, rather, endeavor to improve, for real, ourselves in Masonry, and not let it be just a bunch of empty words....our future depends on YOU! NOW!

Our Christmas Party was a resounding success, with over 80 attendee's, and nearly 35 children here at the Lodge to see Santa Claus. Much Thanks goes to Wor. Billy Horne and his crew of helpers, making this a huge OBL80 success. Hopefully next year, even more can come and participate. If you have any surplus working Christmas Decorations, or lights, please donate them to your Lodge for next year. We were sadly deficient in the decorations area, but the food was great! With your help, we can be better than ever next year.

God Bless You all, and "THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART!" For your Friendship, your guidance, your criticism, and your love, and suffice it to say, I wish EVERYONE a Healthy, Prosperous, and Happy New Year to us ALL!! Please! ...ATTEND LODGE!

Fraternally in Freemasonry,

Richard A. "Big Rick!" Overbee, Jr., P.M.

2008 17TH DISTRICT INSTALLATIONS

Orange No.36	Thursday, DEC 27	7:00 PM
Orlando No.69	Saturday, JAN 12	10:00AM
Orange Blossom No.80	Saturday, JAN 26	2:00 PM
Winter Garden No.165	Saturday, JAN 5	2:00 PM
Eola No.207	Friday, JAN 11	7:00 PM
St. Cloud No.221	Saturday, DEC 29	2:00 PM
Winter Park No.239	Saturday, DEC 29	7:00 PM
Oviedo No.243	Saturday, JAN 5	10:00AM
Composite No.293	Monday, JAN 7	7:00 PM
Mokanna No.329	Saturday, JAN 19	2:00 PM
S.Seminole No.364 @ 239	Saturday, JAN 12	2:00 PM
Pinecastle No.368	Saturday, JAN 5	7:00 PM
Mt. Moriah No.400	Tuesday, JAN 8 (CLSD)	7:00 PM
Memorial No.17 @ 368	Tuesday, Feb 15 (CLSD)	7:00 PM

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↔ Stated Communications ↔

— 7:30 PM —

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PAST MASTERS HONOR ROLL

LLOYD ROLLS	†		1950
RUSSELL S. THACKER			1951
STANLEY HODALA †			1952
ALDUS M. CODY	†		1953
ADDISON L. BODIFORD	†		1954
JAMES A. CAMPBELL	†		1955
JAMES A. CAMPBELL	†		1956
MICHAEL J. STANKO	†		1957
LEWIS S. HIRTZEL	†		1958
KENNETH C. SMITH	†		1959
CHARLES P. DIXON †			1960
THOMAS E. LEE	†		1961
R. ROY CONRAD	†		1962
STANLEY W. ANTHONY	†		1963
M.:W.: RALPH T. MILLER 33° * PGM ('84)			1964
<i>Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Florida - 1986</i>			
J. C. CLEMONS			1965
FRED E. WARD	†		1966
HENRY SZANKIEWICZ	†		1967
JOHN L. SUMMERS	†		1968
HARRY J. ALTEMUS	†		1969
VICTOR G. WENDT			1970
JEFFORDS D. MILLER 33°			1971
CARL E. TEEL			1972
GEORGE M. YOUNG			1973
R.:W.: TRUMAN FUGATE	† *	PDDGM	1974
EUGENE NALLEY	†		1975
FRANK COCHRANE	†		1976
JAMES R. STEPHENS	#		1977
THOMAS F. CLARK			1978
JAMES S. PERRITT	#		1979
MACK McCLAIN	†		1980
WILLIAM J. FISHER †			1981
MELVIN H. WILLS, JR.			1982
MARK K. ROGERS			1983
DAVID W. PAULK	†		1984
CARL E. TEEL			1985
J. P. HUGHES	†		1986
R.:W.: DALE D. LEWIS	†*	PDDGM	1987
B. CRAIG LYNCH			1988
HENRY W. BUNDY			1989
DAVID MACNAB			1990
ELWOOD J. DAVIS	†		1991
PAUL L. FORBES			1992
RICHARD T. FYFE			1993
MARK LAMB			1994
JAMES W. FISHER			1995
GEORGE E. METCALFE		PDI	1996
GEORGE T. SULLIVAN			1997
R.:W.: TONY STIPICH	*	PDDGM	1998
VINCENT BARNES			1999
JAMES W. DAVIS			2000
JOHN T. ROBERSON III			2001
RICHARD A. "BIG RICK" OVERBEE, JR.			2002
ROBERT T. CUNNINGHAM, SR.			2003
WALTER J. "MACK" McDOWELL Jr.			2004
JOHNNY BROCK			2005
WILLIAM "BILLY" HORNE			2006
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